

TIMES IS CRITICIZED ON PENTAGON PAPERS

Leslie H. Gelb, coordinator of the Pentagon team that put together the secret study of the war in Vietnam, wrote in this week's Life magazine that he had "two serious criticisms" of The New York Times articles dealing with the study but that the articles "were largely a fair representation."

Mr. Gelb, writing in the issue dated Sept. 17, said that The Times "should have stated explicitly that President Johnson before the 1964 elections was not part of the general consensus in our Government to bomb North Vietnam." He said, "Our studies . . . depict him as quite resistant to this course."

The Times's articles, Mr. Gelb wrote, "give a misleading view of C.I.A. findings."

"While the C.I.A. was argu-

ing that the bombing of the North was having the opposite of the desired effects, as the Times revealed," he wrote, "it was not nearly as pessimistic about the war in the South."

The Pentagon papers, Mr. Gelb wrote, "have lessons to teach us about Vietnam and, more importantly, about how foreign policy is made in our nation—lessons which, I believe, are still unlearned."